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### Tribute to our Soldiers

4 and 5 June 2005 marks the anniversary of the deaths of four soldiers from 3rd Battalion 112 Field Artillery. They paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country in the Global War on Terrorism. SSG Frank T. Carvill, SSG Humberto F. Timoteo, SGT Ryan E. Doltz and SPC Christopher M. Duffy answered the call to arms to secure freedom and democracy for the oppressed people of Iraq. They made the sacrifice so that others might enjoy the many blessings of liberty that America truly represents. Remember our brave soldiers now and forever.

### NJ Challenge Cadet wins regional contest.

Recently, Challenge Programs across the country participated in the "2005 Do the Write Thing Challenge," an essay contest sponsored by the National Campaign to Stop Violence. The purpose of the initiative is to create awareness in an effort to end violence to and by young people. The Eastern Regional winner of the contest was Cadet Michael Lowe, Jr. of the New Jersey National Guard Challenge Youth Program. In July, the regional winners will be invited to Washington, D.C. to read excerpts of their writings and to discuss the problem of youth violence with our nation's leaders.

### 108th Air Refueling Wing takes to the sky at the McGuire Air Show.

The 108th Air Refueling Wing participated in the 2005 Joint Military Open House held June 4-5, 2005 on the flightline at McGuire Air Force Base. The first air show since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, had the Navy's Blue Angels, the Army's Golden Knights, and other aerial performers delight the crowd. The 108th Air Refueling Wing's KC-135E Stratotanker was on static display along with a B-52 Stratofortress, B-1B Lancer, C-5 Galaxy, UH-1 Huey. All branches of the service participated in the day's events showcasing their talents to the public. With the success of the air show, McGuire AFB hopes to make the joint military open house a regular event again.

### Memory of fallen NJ National Guardsman spurs NASCAR driver to victory.

Before the start of last Sunday's NASCAR Nextel Cup race at Dover International Speedway, a member of Bobby Labonte's #18 team asked a favor of Greg Biffle, driver of the #16 National Guard car. He asked Greg Biffle to carry a picture of a fallen friend in his car throughout the race. His friend, NJ Army Guardsman SPC Ryan Doltz, had died one year earlier while serving his country in Iraq. Greg Biffle taped the picture of SPC Doltz into the National Guard car and drove that car into Victory Lane. After the race an emotional Greg Biffle said, "I had a guy riding with me that probably gave me a hand today. I was happy to honor SPC Doltz and the many other servicemen this way."

### 177th Fighter Wing Hosts New Jersey Congressional Delegation.

Mr. William Rakestraw  
[warjrnj@msn.com](mailto:warjrnj@msn.com)

## Veterans Hotlines

### Benefits & Entitlements

1-888-8NJ-VETS  
 (1-888-865-8387)

### Mental Health

1-866-VETS-NJ4  
 (1-866-838-7654)

## New Jersey Freedom Loans

### What is a Freedom Loan?

- \* Up to \$10,000
- \* Annual APR 6%
- \* Term: 5 years (no pre-payment penalty)
- \* Unsecured Loan (no collateral required)

### Who is eligible to apply?

NJ residents who are:

- \* Members of the National Guard or Reserve
- \* Mobilized for one year or longer to fight in the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) – excluding routine training.

Or

- \* Served 90 or more consecutive days in the GWOT on federal or state active duty (excluding routing training) and have received orders extending cumulative active duty a year or longer.

### How do I apply?

- \* Contact participating banks. Call or visit your local branch office to obtain an application.
- \* Guardmembers, Reservists, or family members with Power of Attorney must submit copies of current mobilization orders with

The 177th Fighter Wing hosted a group of Congressional Staffers from the state of New Jersey on Friday, 3 June 2005. Brigadier General Eugene Chojnacki, Commander, Headquarters NJ Air National Guard, greeted the staffers at the 177th Fighter Wing along with Wing leadership. Colonel Roger Pharo, Mission Support Group Commander, provided the staffers with a briefing before they proceeded to the Warren Grove Range to observe some training missions and receive a briefing on the Range operation from Lt Col Dave Haar, Warren Grove Range Commander. Unfortunately, inclement weather precluded the training missions from taking place. Instead, the staffers were given a briefing and had a chance to see some of the ground equipment used at the range in training exercises and the equipment used to maintain the training environment on the ground.

## Free Veterans Administration Medical Exams are available to eligible veterans.

Veterans, who qualify, will be able to access VA Health Care and have a free health examination. The Veterans Mobile Medical Unit Icebreaker Program is sponsored by the VA New Jersey Health Care System and the Trenton Vet Center located at 319 East State Street, Trenton City Hall on June 17, 2005 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, contact the Trenton Vet Center at 609-989-2260.

## Fort Monmouth, NJ Hosts Annual Armed Forces Community Celebration – June 9-12, 2005

2005 Armed Forces Community Celebration! A Tradition of Heroes: Defenders of the Homeland. The Fort Monmouth Armed Forces Community Celebration weekend is open to the public. The celebration will showcase the efforts of the military, state, Monmouth County, and local communities in providing for the security and safety of the nation's citizens. It will be held on the east side of Fort Monmouth near Oceanport Avenue. The celebration will include a carnival; civilian and military displays including armored vehicles, artillery, and helicopters; historical military re-enactors from the American Revolution to the present day; a variety of musical acts; skydiving demonstrations; a classic car show; and many other acts and exhibits. Fodd and beverages will also be available. One of the exhibits planned will feature a video/phone hookup to New Jersey National Guard soldiers stationed in Iraq. For more information call: 732-532-0963 or 732-532-0953.

## New Spouse Resource

The Military Spouse Career Center, a new free online resource, is now available. Spouses can search the job board with over 500,000 openings in the federal government and private sector organizations. Spouses will also find information regarding jobs on military installations, overseas employment opportunities, and information on entering and advancing in popular career fields. Additional resources include career counseling, licensing and certification, childcare and youth program. The military Spouse Career Center can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

## Borders Books Military Discount 7-13 June

Borders Books is offering to Government, Postal, Civil Service and Military Personnel – 20% off Books, Music, and Café and 15% off DVDs of regularly priced items from Tuesday, 7 June thru Monday 13 June. You must present a downloadable coupon from [www.bordersstores.com/savings](http://www.bordersstores.com/savings) (reminder - do not download from a government computer). Spread the word.

## Enlisted Council holds golf tourney at Falcon Creek Golf Course in July

The 108th ARW Enlisted Council is holding its second annual Golf Outing on July 21, at the Falcon Creek Golf Course, McGuire Air Force Base. There will be a shotgun start at noon. The cost to take the "good walk spoiled" (Mark Twain) is \$75 per individual or \$280 for a foursome. This includes lunch, beverages, 18 holes of golf and a chance to win prizes. Proceeds from the tournament support the Freedom Alliance Scholarship fund. This fund provides educational scholarships to children of American

the bank's Freedom Loan application.

#### Current participants:

Commerce Bank  
1-888-751-9000

Credit Union of NJ  
609-538-4061, ext. 401

First Morris Bank & Trust  
1-888-530-2265

Fleet  
1-800-841-4000

Manasquan Savings Bank  
732-223-4450

North Jersey Federal  
Credit Union  
1-888-78NJFCU

Peapack-Gladstone Bank  
(908) 719-BANK

Pennsville National Bank  
856-678-6006

PNC  
1-866-PNC-4USA

Sovereign Bank  
1-877-391-6365

Sun National Bank  
1-800-691-7701

Bank of America (Fleet Bank) is undergoing a system-wide change in their loan offerings and will no longer offer the New Jersey Freedom Loan.



**Beach Passes for NGTC** – Sea Girt for DMVA employees are now available.

Enjoy the sun. Have some fun.

Contact:

Gail Miller – 6911

Or

Armed Forces service members who have sacrificed life or limb. The Alliance is a non-profit educational and charitable organization. The Enlisted Council is also looking for hole sponsors at \$35 per sign and beverage cart sponsors at \$40. Whether you picture yourself as a Happy Gilmore, John Daly or Tiger Woods, contact Senior Airman Dee Egles at 609-754-4141 for more information and entry forms. Happy golfing!

### NJ Department of Labor teams up with Teaneck Family Assistance Center.

The New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development is teaming up with the Teaneck Family Assistance Center to provide all soldiers returning from deployment with the necessary information and tools to easily re-integrate into society. The Re-employment Opportunities briefing given by MSG (Ret) John Bautz will be held at the Teaneck Armory every Wednesday at 10 a.m. and again at 2 p.m.

If you have any questions regarding this briefing, contact MSG (Ret) Bautz at 201-996-8950 or email [john.bautz@dol.state.nj.us](mailto:john.bautz@dol.state.nj.us).

### Sandy Cove offers a free stay for our military members & families at Operation Oasis on Chesapeake Bay.

Operation Oasis is an outreach program developed to offer a time of rest and renewal to military personnel involved in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Located in North East, Maryland, at the headwaters of the Chesapeake Bay, Operation Oasis offers a free 3-day, 2-night time of rest and relaxation. It is a thank you to those who seek to secure and sustain our freedom. Simply contact Carol Lee Lynch at [c.lynch@sandycove.org](mailto:c.lynch@sandycove.org) or by phone at 800-287-4843 for additional information. You can also visit the website [www.sandycove.org](http://www.sandycove.org) for a more detailed description of the facility.

### Steve Braun Baseball Camp available FREE for children of deployed soldiers and airmen.

Former Major League Baseball player and retired Trenton Thunder coach, Steve Braun, will conduct a summer baseball camp on Saturday and Sunday, 16-17 July 2005. The two-day camp is provide free to children (male or female) of New Jersey National Guard soldiers or airmen who are, or have been, deployed overseas during the Global War on Terrorism.

Parents who wish to volunteer may note that on their child's application or call Marie at 609-562-0739.

### Part-time opportunities in Military Funeral Honors Program.

The New Jersey Army National Guard Military Funeral Honors Program has several part-time employment opportunities immediately available across the state for TDGs and Technicians. Earn one day's base pay and one retirement point for a few hours work providing Military Funeral Honors for our Veterans. If you are interested, please contact SFC Raymond Denson, Military Funeral Honors Coordinator, at 609-530-7090 or by e-mail at [Raymond.Denson@nj.ngb.army.mil](mailto:Raymond.Denson@nj.ngb.army.mil).

### "Freedom Salute" – Soldiers, it's easy to nominate someone!

The Freedom Salute campaign is designed to recognize those who support Soldier's service and veterans who have served the country in the past. Individuals nominated will receive an "Army of One" lapel pin, an official Army decal a letter of appreciation signed by the Army Chief of Staff, and a letter of thanks signed by the Chief of Staff and the Secretary. It's easy to nominate someone. Soldiers should simply visit the website: <http://freedomteamsalute.army.mil> and submit the names of those individuals who are supporting our military.

### Veterans to be honored at upcoming Medal Ceremonies.

Jane Davis – 6910

"A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing and the lawnmower is broken."

James Dent

The following ceremonies have been scheduled to honor our State's veterans.

<b>16 Jun</b>	11am	Distinguished and Meritorious Service Medal	Morristown Armory 430 Jockey Hollow Road Morristown, NJ 07960
	1pm	Korean Service Medal	
<b>30 Jun</b>	11am	Distinguished and Meritorious Service Medal	Toms River Elks 600 Washington Street Toms River, NJ
	1pm	Vietnam Service Medal	
<b>14 Jul</b>	11am	Distinguished Service Medal	Atlantic Cape Community College 5100 Black Horse Pike Mays Landing, NJ
	1pm	Korean Service Medal	
<b>28 Jul</b>	11am	Distinguished Service Medal	West Orange Armory 1299 Pleasant Valley Way West Orange, NJ
	1pm	Korean Service Medal	

## Support the Troops

Here are some of the activities and fundraisers planned in support of our deployed troops and their families:

- **Mealey's Furniture** to donate 3 rooms of new furniture to a needy military member on Memorial Day. Do you know someone who is or has served Active Duty in the US military and is now in need? Mealey's would like to thank them for their service by giving them three complete rooms of furniture. Entry forms can be found in any of Mealey's three stores or online at [www.mealeysfurniture.com](http://www.mealeysfurniture.com). All nominations will be reviewed and selection will be made on June 30th.

- **Send coffee!!** – The "Coffee Express" is on track! Time to start percolating and open the spigots all the way! The good news is that over 1500 pounds of coffee have been sent to the troops so far. The bad news is that they have drunk most of it. It's time for a second cup. Join the "Coffee Express" – buy a pound or two of coffee and send it to one of the address shown below or to the soldier of your choice at either unit. MAJ Mike Lyons, HHC 50th Main Support Battalion, FOB Speicher, APO AE 09393 or LTC John Nunn, HHC 42nd DISCOM, FOB Speicher, APO, AE 09393.

- **Sign up for a chance to send your soldier Dunkin Donuts coffee.** Dunkin Donuts will send a case of free coffee to your soldier if he/she is among the 50 selected in a monthly lottery. Just go to [www.dunkindonuts.com](http://www.dunkindonuts.com), click on "About Us," click on "Contact Us," click on "Instore Visits," fill out the form, in the comments section put the soldier's rank, name and APO address, and say that you would like to send your soldier coffee. Then click "Submit." You can mail a request to Dunkin Brands, 130 Royall Street, Canton, MA 02021, Attention Customer Care or request the coffee by phone at 781-737-3000 (Customer Relations).

- **Operation Uplink.** Visit <http://www.operationuplink.org/request.cfm> to request free phone cards for active duty military personnel deployed away from home. At this site you can fill out a request for a phone card to be sent to yourself or a loved one. One card per request per servicemember will be honored during a 60-day period.

- **Gifts from the Homefront.** The "Gifts from the Homefront" program was begun last year by the Army and Air Force and enables people from all walks of life to rally around America's troops by purchasing gift certificates designed to lift the morale of deployed troops around the world. The certificates, which can be purchased by any individual or civic organization, allow service members to purchase items of necessity and convenience at PX and BX facilities around the world. "Gifts from the Homefront" certificates can be addressed to "any service member" or individual service members. Because the gift certificates can be used for merchandise already stocked at contingency locations, "Gifts from the Homefront" are a safe alternative to traditional care packages that can strain the military mail system and present force protection issues. Those wishing to send a "Gift from the Homefront" can simply log on to the AAFES website, [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com), or call 877-770-4438 toll-free to buy gift certificates in \$10 or \$20 denominations. From there, the "Gift from the Homefront" may be sent to an individual service member designated by the purchaser or distributed to "any service member" through the USO, American Red Cross, Air Force Aid Society, or Fisher House.

**- Operation Mail Call.** Operation Mail call is a program initiated by New Jersey Assemblymen Jack Conners and Herb Conaway that enables citizens to donate postage stamps for use by our troops and their families. Over 30,000 stamps have been donated to our National Guard soldiers and airmen and Family Readiness Programs. With Memorial Day 2005 approaching, we recall the unique sacrifices made by every generation that has served in uniform for the good of America. We are often asked what can be done to support the soldiers of this generation. If you would like to participate, please mail or drop off your postage stamps to the 7th Legislative District Office, Delran Professional Center, 8008 Route 130 North, Suite 125, Delran, NJ 08075.

**- American Hero Band** - The American Hero Band is a free wristband worn by Americans to demonstrate their support of the "Defenders of Freedom" who are Army National Guard soldiers deployed across the globe. Engraved on the metallic wristband are the words IN HONOR OF AN AMERICAN HERO SERVING IN THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD. These words are flanked left by the Army National Guard logo and right by the American flag. There is also an inscription of the National Guard website, <http://www.virtualarmory.com> and a unique serial number engraved inside this commemorative wristband. If you are interested in getting The American Hero Band, go to <http://www.virtualarmory.com> and click on the American Hero Band banner.

### **Armory Happenings – Listed below are events taking place at your local armory.**

Open House – 18 June 2005 -Toms River Armory - The Wolfpack is back from Iraq and so is the fun and excitement! Best of all, it's FREE!

An Open House is scheduled at the Toms River Armory on Saturday, June 18, 2005, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The soldiers of Charlie Battery and Detachment 1 Service 3/112th FA are hosting the Open House, and with the assistance of the recruiters, are supporting the TAG's Policy on "Strength Management." There will be historical displays from the Revolutionary War to Operation Iraqi Freedom. For the children, there will be Hummer rides, camouflage face painting, paintball targets, a grenade toss, a child ID Program, and many other fun activities. There will also be prizes and give-aways. Refreshments will be available at low family prices!

The Open House will also provide an opportunity to showcase the facility to the public, and to let the community know that the facility is available for their use.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
12 June	Sports Card and Comics Show	Bordentown Armory
18 June	Dance	Lawrenceville Armory
18 June	Open House	Toms River Armory
21 June	Graduation	Westfield Armory
24 June	Bead Show	Cherry Hill Armory
27 June	Physical Training	Teaneck Armory
28 June	Pick-Up & Drop-Off Point for Camp	Teaneck Armory

### **Delaware Valley Vietnam Veterans will present Flag Memorial and other events to honor veterans (10-12 June 2005).**

The Delaware Valley Vietnam Veterans will present the 20th Annual Donald W. Jones Flag Memorial on 10 June 2005. The Memorial consists of 58,000 American flags, each placed in the ground by someone who cares, for every American soldier killed or missing in action in Vietnam. The flags will create a Memorial in the shape and exact size of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. The event will be held at the Falls Township Community Park, 9070 Mill Creek Road, Levittown, PA (Rain or Shine) and will begin at 9 a.m.

On Saturday, 11 June 2005, there will be a free Freedom, Blues & Rock concert that will begin at 11 a.m. and feature the following bands: Ambush, Ergo, Hellbound Blues Band, Jekyl's Hyde, Last Call, Legend, Mikey Junior, The Seven Band, Sister Blue, and Sweet Medicine. A fireworks display will be held at dusk. The concert and fireworks will be held at the Falls Township Park, Mill Creek Road, Levittown, PA 19054. On

Sunday, 12 June 2005, a motorcycle rally will depart Bristol Township Municipal Building, 2501 Bath Road, Levittown, PA at 12:30 p.m. If you are interested in participating, please call Shotgun Willie at 267-784-2282. The Honors Ceremony will begin at 1 p.m.

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## Fitness Corner – Ernie Razzano, Certified Fitness Trainer

### Heat Related Maladies

The hot weather is upon us! By recognizing and knowing what to do in case of these heat-related maladies could possibly save a life!

**Heat Cramps:** Get the person to a cooler place and have him or her rest in a comfortable position. Lightly stretch the affected muscle and replenish fluids. Give a half glass of cool water every 15 minutes. Do not give liquids with alcohol or caffeine in them, as they can cause further dehydration, making conditions worse.

**Heat Exhaustion:** Signs: Rapid breathing, vomiting, pale, cool skin, weak and dizzy, muscles cramp up, sweating. Get the person out of the heat and into a cooler place. Remove or loosen tight clothing and apply cool, wet cloths, such as towels or sheets. If the person is conscious, give cool water to drink. Make sure the person drinks slowly. Give a half glass of cool water every 15 minutes. Let the victim rest in a comfortable position, and watch carefully for changes in his or her condition.

**Heat Stroke:** Signs: Rapid pulse, dry skin (classic heatstroke), sweaty skin (exertional heatstroke), noisy breathing, vomiting, convulsions, unconsciousness. Call 9-1-1 or your local emergency number immediately. Move the person to a cooler place. Quickly cool the body. Immerse the victim in a cool bath, or wrap wet sheets around the body and fan it. Watch for signals of breathing problems. Keep the person lying down and continue to cool the body any way you can. If the victim refuses water, is vomiting, or there are any changes in the level of consciousness, do not give anything to eat or drink.

Tell me what you would like to see in Fitness Corner. Write me at [ernest.razzano@njdmava.state.nj.us](mailto:ernest.razzano@njdmava.state.nj.us).

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## Beach Passes for DMVA employees available now.

The temperatures are rising and the sandy beach at the National Guard Training Center at Sea Girt is calling. Call Gail Miller at 609-530-6911 for your Beach Pass.

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## On this day in history –

Today is Friday, June 10, 2005. It is the 161st day of the year with 204 days remaining.

In 1985 Frank Sinatra was portrayed as a friend of organized crime in a "Donnesbury" comic strip. Over 800 newspapers carried the panel.

In 1987 an earthquake hit 15 states from Iowa to South Carolina.

The "outlook" or "see-through" envelope was patented by Americus F. Callahan in 1902.

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## NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial and Vietnam Era Educational Center's upcoming event schedule.

<b>11 June</b>	1pm	On the River (memoir of an American advisor to South Vietnamese Rangers) Author Lecture by Vietnam Veteran George L. Athas
<b>18 June</b>	10am - 4pm	Military Vehicle Display

For more information about any of these events, please call the NJ Vietnam Veterans Memorial Foundation office at (732) 335-0033.

The Vietnam Era Educational Center is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Regular admission is free for veterans and active duty military personnel. Regular adult admission is \$4; student and senior citizen admission is \$2; and children under 10 are admitted free. The Center is located adjacent to the NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial off the Garden State Parkway at Exit 116.

### Retirement Receptions planned.

Several of our Department's employees will be retiring in the very near future. Listed below is the information on their planned receptions/dinners.

Retiree	Reception Details	Contact Person
CW3 SGM Michael Amoroso	Charleys Other Brother 20 June 2005, 1700 hours	SFC Denise Creary 609-562-0661

### Call today to volunteer at a Family Readiness Center near you.

If you are able to assist the families of our deployed soldiers and airmen, please call our Family Readiness Center at our toll-free number 888-859-0352.

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